

The FHWA is Committed to
Helping our Partners make
Road Tunnels Safer.



*REMEMBER. FIRE AND
SMOKE KILL - SAVE
YOUR LIFE NOT YOUR
CAR!*

*CALL 911 FROM YOUR
CELL PHONE TO
REPORT
EMERGENCIES.*

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ROAD TUNNEL SAFETY

Be Safe Entering a Tunnel

- ✓ Listen to the Radio for traffic updates.
- ✓ Turn on your headlights.
- ✓ Obey all traffic lights, signs and pavement markings.
- ✓ Do not stop, except in an emergency.
- ✓ Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front.
- ✓ Never enter into a tunnel that has smoke coming out of it.
- ✓ Never drive a burning or smoking vehicle into a tunnel.

Be Safe in Traffic Congestion in a Tunnel

- ✓ Keep your distance, even if traffic is moving slowly.
- ✓ Listen to traffic updates on the radio.
- ✓ Follow the instructions given by tunnel officials and/ or variable message signs.
- ✓ Note the location of fire extinguishers and emergency exits.

Be Safe if There is a Fire in a Tunnel

- ✓ If your vehicle is on fire, stop and turn the engine off, and leave the vehicle immediately.
- ✓ Leave the keys and all personal belongings.
- ✓ Locate an emergency phone in the tunnel and call for help.
- ✓ Put out the fire using a fire extinguisher located on the tunnel wall. If this is not possible, locate the nearest emergency exit and leave.
- ✓ Help others exit the tunnel.

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